



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 401***

LCO No. 1639

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Referred to Committee on General Law

Introduced by:  
(GL)

***AN ACT CONCERNING ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION OF  
PRESCRIPTIONS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 20-612 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2004*):

3 (a) Only a pharmacy shall accept a prescription for dispensing. No  
4 employee, personnel or owner of a place of business or establishment  
5 not licensed as a pharmacy may accept a prescription for transfer to or  
6 for collection for a pharmacy.

7 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,  
8 an electronic prescribing intermediary may transfer electronically  
9 transmitted prescriptions, communications and orders between a  
10 prescribing practitioner licensed and authorized to prescribe in this  
11 state or the practitioner's authorized agent and a licensed pharmacy of  
12 the patient's choice located within the United States provided such  
13 transfer is in accordance with applicable technological standards and  
14 state and federal law. Electronic prescribing intermediaries shall not  
15 alter the content of a prescription, communication, or order except as

16 necessary for technical processing purposes. Electronic prescribing  
17 intermediaries may archive copies of electronically transmitted  
18 prescriptions, communications, and orders for technical and audit  
19 purposes, and shall maintain patient privacy and confidentiality of all  
20 information, including all archived information, as required by state  
21 and federal law. As used in this subsection "electronic prescribing  
22 intermediary" means an entity that provides the infrastructure that  
23 connects the computer systems or other electronic devices utilized by  
24 prescribing practitioners with those used by pharmacies in order to  
25 facilitate the secure transmission of electronic prescription orders, refill  
26 authorization requests, communications and other patient care  
27 information between such entities.

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| This act shall take effect as follows: |                        |
| Section 1                              | <i>October 1, 2004</i> |

***Statement of Purpose:***

To allow for electronic prescribing intermediaries to transfer electronically transmitted prescriptions.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*